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INDIANA METAL FINISHERS, MUNICIPALITIES JOIN IDEM AND U.S. EPA IN POLLUTION PREVENTION

Indiana metal finishers and wastewater treatment facilities have pledged to do their part in a five-year program aimed at reducing amounts of hazardous metals in wastewater treatment sludge.

IDEM and EPA presented pledge certificates in Indianapolis Wednesday to Hoosier metal finishers and publicly-owned treatment works which have committed to the National Metal Finishing Strategic Goals Program.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and local government entities have agreed to reduce waste management costs for businesses that meet and exceed stringent guidelines including:

- Improving resource utilization,
- Reducing hazardous emissions,
- Improving economic performance and
- Reducing unnecessary compliance costs.

“We’re working together for better-than-average results with this program. All participants are in agreement that we want to raise the pollution prevention bar for this industry,” said Lori F. Kaplan, commissioner of IDEM.

“By minimizing regulatory and economic barriers, we hope to encourage more metal finishers to achieve improved environmental performance to better protect human health and the environment,” said Kaplan.

During the five-year program, IDEM and EPA hope to change the current regulatory system with the help of metal finishers to minimize the production of hazardous wastewater treatment sludge through recycling, reuse and treatment.

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Hoosier businesses and municipalities pledging voluntary participation in the National Metal Finishing Strategic Goals Program are:

Metal Finishers:

- Baycote Metal Finishing, Mishawaka
- Commercial Plating Inc., Indianapolis
- Electrochemical Coatings Inc., Lebanon
- Franke Plating Works Inc., Fort Wayne
- Imagineering Enterprises Inc., South Bend
- McDowell Enterprises Inc., Elkhart
- Metal Plate Polishing Inc., Fort Wayne
- Seleco Inc., Indianapolis
- Triplex Plating Inc., Michigan City
- H. H. Sumco Inc., Indianapolis

Publicly-Owned Treatment Works:

- City of Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Bureau of Water Quality-Muncie Sanitary District
- City of Elkhart
- Sanitary District of Michigan City
- City of Indianapolis-Environmental Resources Management Division
- Fort Wayne Water Pollution Control Plant
- City of Terre Haute

More information on the National Strategic Goals Program is available on the Internet at:
www.strategicgoals.org and www.nmfrc.org